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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

SUBJECT

: Date for Cornerstone Ceremony

Slater Davidson of Tompkins Jones has been quite insistent that they need at least four weeks' notice of the actual date on which we expect to have our Cornerstone Laying Ceremony. I believe that he is justified in his position since he not only has a great deal of work to do to get ready for the Ceremony, but work on the building generally must be scheduled around this date.

In recent conversations with Davidson, he has agreed that if we will give him positive notification not later than Friday, 16 October, he can be ready for the Ceremony on 11 November. He is quite emphatic, however, that if he does not get notice by this time he cannot be ready. Therefore, it is urgent that we find out whether the President will be available on 11 November so that we can notify the contractor and complete other arrangements for the Ceremony.

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cc: General Cabell